

WEDDING PRESENTS.

Tokens of Friendship in the Hands of Jewelry Merchants.

More Gifts Sold by Newly-Wedded Couples Than Society Dreams Of-Inside Facts Concerning a Very Interesting and Profitable Business.

[N. Y. Cor. Washington Post.) The subject of wedding presents is always an agreeable one to contemplate. Sometimes it causes the heart to quicken its pulsations, and now and then it has a depressing influence upon one's pocketbook. In that sweet little book called "Memoirs and Letters of Mrs. Madison,"

"The wedding presents of eighty years ago differed from the present gorgeous display of jewels, bric-a-brac, etc., inasmuch as they were tokens of love or friendship made by the hand of the friend -elaborate embroideries from sleeves to pin-cushions, paintings and original poe-

If "original poetry" should ever again come into fashion for wedding presents what a brilliant opportunity it would af-

Articles of silver are always standard wedding presents. Once, in Washington, at a wedding, the wife of the Russian Minister, Mme. Dashcoff, sent the usual wedding present of her country-two silver wine-coolers; one filled with salt, the essence of life, and the other with bread, the staff of life. At the recent Drexel wedding at Elberon, N. J., the generous Mr. George W. Childs presented the bride with a silver ten set. That is the regulation American present, and sometimes a bride has such an embarrassment of riches in the shape of silver, especially if she is to live in a French flat or a hotel, that she is perplexed with the problem of how to dispose of the collection.

Knowing of no one in New York who is better informed on this subject than Mr. J. H. Johnston who invented the traffic in duplicate wedding presents, which has now grown to be a large business. I interviewed him on the subject, and he told me the following remarkable story:

"Here," he said, showing me a tall, handsome ornamental piece intended for holding fruit, "is a dish that cost \$450 when it was bought for a wedding present. I will sell it for \$150. It has never been used, and is just as good as when first purchased. It came with a couple of barrels full of wedding presents I bought the other day of a Chicago millionaire. His wife died a year or so ago. She had hosts of wedding presents. They were all left to her husband. He is thinking of marrying again. Money is no consideration with him. He wished to get rid of the presents to his first wife, and could not dispose of them in Chicago very well lest some of those who bought them might make the discovery, so he came to me and sold the whole lot for so much an ounce, according to their weight-that is, a little more than the price of old silver. more work there is on a silver dish the cheaper I can sell it in proportion."

Then be opened a box and showed me a lovely ice-cream set-a central dish with a solid silver Cupid for a handle, six smaller dishes for serving the cream, and six spoons, all lined with gold and beautidesigned. "These cost, at one of the first houses in the city, \$225. I ask \$85 for them. "I suppose," he continued, "that there are 5,000 trunks filled with silver in the storage warehouses of this city. In time people grow tired of paying storage Sometimes I buy two or three trunkfuls a day. A lady came into my store a few days since and sold me a trunkful. All I could give ber was \$100. She remarked that that was just the sum she had already paid for storage. Dupliclocks, a dozen casters and three or four silver ten sets. She decides to sell one, and picks out the least attractive or the one which was presented by some one for whom she cares very little. Here is just such a set," said Mr. Johnston, opening a magnificent black French walnut box. "It was made by the Gorham Manufacturing Company, was sold by a well-known house on John street, and cost \$700. I can sell it for \$400. The box alone cost over \$100. Here are six magnificent pieces which have never been used. And here," handing me a handsome hammered silver soup tureen, made in the shape of a turtle, "is a dish young man from Wall street who was married not long ago. He is the son of one of the best-known men in America. Do not ask me why he sold it. I do not know. There may have been a thousand reasons. You can guess as well as 1." The next article inspected was an old English soup tureen standing on a large silver platter. For the dish alone \$550 was paid. The platter was worth \$100 more. The whole could be bought of Mr. Johnston for \$459, a difference of \$300. An exquisite silver vase, with rose in relief on one side, which cost \$85, was offered for \$49. Jawelers in all parts of the country send word to Mr. Johnston that they have a lot of wedding presents on hand, which, from motives of delicacy, can not be sold in Keckuk, or Nashville, or Albany, and will be purchase them and throw them upon the great

J buston and picked out a silver tea ketjeweler who duplicates it.

metropolitan market? So they come to New York and fill the shelves of the

store, where customers throng in search

Not Cold Enough for Him.

You don't say so. What business were

FOND OF HUMAN FLESH.

Where Baked Man Is Regarded as a Great Delicacy.

Life Among the Cannibals of the Solomes Islands-Sago, Cocoanut and Human Brains for Dinner-Reflections

During the period throughout which Europeans have been in contact with the Solomon Islanders no characteristic of them has been, perhaps, more common than that of cannibalism. When the Spaniards first discovered these islands the man-eating habits of the natives became strikingly as parent. On the occasion of the arrival of the ships at the island, which its discoverers named St. Isabel, the chief of the na tives that they came into contact with sent the General (Mendana) a present of a quarter of boy, including the arm and hand, to gether with some roots, which he had re-

quested him to accept.

This custom of sending a supply of vegetables along with the human fiesh as a present was proficed in the islands of Figi group, says the Ch cago Heald. Mariner, in his interesting work on the Tonga Islands, published in 1812, describes how, when he arrived in his cance at an outlying island of that group, he found on the shore a large crate of vegetables, with a girl sitting upon it, and ascertained that the two were about to be presented as the material of a feast to the King of the Fiji Islands. Happily he rescued the girl from her impending fate.

Referring to the natives of the island which Gallego named La Florida, he says: "They eat human flesh;" and elsewhere he relates that "the steward, with four soldiers and five negroes, was sent on shore for water;" that their boats having got aground, they were immediately attacked by the natives, who, lying in ambush, rushed upon them and "did not leave a single soul alive except a negro"-belonging to Gallego; that "all the rest they hewed to pieces, cutting off their heads, arms and legs, tearing out their tongues and supping up their brains with great ferocity."

Dr. Guppy mentions, on the authority of H. H. Romilly, that "the New Ireland cannibals of the present day are found of a osition of sago, cocoanut and human s." In 1768, when the ships of Bougainville's expedition were at Choisel Bay, they were attacked by one hundred and fifty natives in ten canoes; two canoes were captured, and in one of them "was found the jaw of a man half broiled."

"Captain Redlich, master of the schooner Franz, who visited Makira, on the south side of St. Christoval, in 1872, states that he found a dead body in a war canoe dressed and cooked whole. He was informed by Perry, a resident, that he had seen as many as twenty bodies lying on the beach, dressed and cooked. In 1865, Mr. Brenchley noticed at Wano, on the north coast of this island, the skulls of twenty-five bushmen banging up under the roof of the Tambu House, all which showed the effects of a tomahawk and all had been eaten."

The natives of the island of Santa Anna, at the time Dr. Guppy visited it, abstained from eating human fiesh several years ago on account of a very severe epidemic of sickness having followed a cannibal feast. Nevertheless Mai, the war chief of this island, "has acquired a considerable fortune, in a native point of view, by following the profitable calling of purveyor of human fiesh to the man-eaters of the ad-jacent coasts of St. Christoval—a trade in which he is ably assisted by those who accompany him on his foraging expedi-

This chief was in the habit of keeping buman beings whom he had captured, and fattening them for the market. Dr. Guppy mentions two prisoners whom he succeeded in rescuing from the hands of this monster. When Dr. Guppy visited a village on the north coast of St. Christoval and saw the chief, named Toro, who received him civilly and shook hands with him, he noticed that outside the front of the chief's house "five skulls were hanging, which belonged to some unfortunate bushmen who had fallen

at his hands." "On inquiry of a native who spoke a little English," says Dr. Guppy, "I ascer-tained that their bodies had been kaiedkaied'-4 c., caten-although it was with a little hesitation that he admitted the fact. cate wedding presents are very common. The Shortland natives accredit the Bougain-Often a bride will receive half a dozen ville people who live around the active volcano at Bagana with the regular practice of cannibalism; and there can be little doubt that this custom is extensively practiced among the scarcely known bush tribes in the interior of this large island. Of the natives of New Georgia or Rubiana, Captain Cheyne avers that human flesh forms their chief article of diet."

The Doctor observes: "It is difficult to speculate on the reflections of the victim as he wes from day to day in constant expec-tation of his fate." There is reason to believe that this expectation does not produce the agonizing terror which most Europeans under like eircumstances would experience. In the time not very far distant, when cannibalism prevailed in New Zealand, it was, which costs \$450 at fiffany's. I will sell it occasionally at all events, the custom of a for \$200. It was brought in here by a chief when starting on a war expedition to take with him, fastened together, a number of men whom he already held as captives; these men served as a living larder.

"Each of them knew that his turn to be killed and enten would come nevertheless, with the certainty of this doom before him, he partook of each of his fellows whose death preceded his own; and Captain Wilkes, in his account of his exploring exploring expedition, stated that King Thakamban appropriated of the small is-lands of the Fiji group as a human pre-serve. Every man imprisoned there knew that he would ultimately serve as food for his Majesty, and such alike were the loyalty and indifference to death of these victims that when questioned by Captain Wilkes as to their feelings on the matter, they expressed a kind of acquiescence in their fate and used words to the effect that it was quite proper that the King shoule be thus provided for.

HONEST LITTLE EMMA.

The Money-Making Talent and Penurious-ness of Miss Abbott.

I see that Miss Emma Abbott, whom Recently a gentleman called on Mr. people call "honest little Emma," for some reason or other, is to materialize anon tle for \$130, which he proposed to buy for with an assortment of mossy and ivy-clad a wedding present. He agreed to call operas. Why Miss Abbott should be called the next forenoon and conclude the bar- "honest" and "little" is not apparent to gain. Failing to do so the silver the finite mind. She is not by any means ten kettle stood on the shelf in sight of little, and it is no distinction for a singer customers. In the afternoon a lady came to be honest. She is one of the in and picked out \$1,000 worth of silver- thriftiest women on the stage, howware, including the tea kettle. Of course, ever; and, whatever her artistic capabilithe man came back the next day, hot to ties are, she has an undeniable talent for pay for the tea kettle and take it away. making money. And she keeps it, too. He was told that it had been sold. He With her, charity not only begins at home, was furious. The lady was appealed to, but it ends there as well. A young friend She insisted upon that identical kettle or of mine, who is unfortunate enough to reshe would not take a piece of silver out of side in a Northside boarding-house, tells the house. It was a regular tempest in a me that a plein-faced young woman has teapot, with a man holding the spout and sat at the table with him in this hash ema woman at the handle. Matters were porinm for some time—a Miss Abbott, who finally arranged. It was agreed that the is a clerk in some down-town office. The \$100 kettle should be duplicated by Tiffany other day some of the boarders at the fish-& Co. This was done, but Mr. Johnston ballrefinery got to talking about Emma Abhad to pay \$3.5 for the duplicate. So bett and criticised her rather severely. One sometimes, as it will be seen, a "duplicate of the young men remarked: "I hope she wedding present" is very costly to the is no relation of yours, Miss Abbott?" That young woman answered: "She is; she's my sister." Now, it seems to me Philanthropist—So you say you've been that with Emma Abbott's fortune she well off once. Well, well, this is a world of might do a little something for her sister, changes; it is indeed a cold world.

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Prevent Them from Fading. The first washing will do more harm than all the rest can ever remedy. Some women, in washing all-wool goods, wash them the same as the other clothes, taking them from the warm suds and plunging them immediately into the cold rinse water, which is the worst thing they can do, for the flannels will be sure to shrink a great deal. If they

are of the exact size of the wearer it will not take many of such washings to render them so small and uncomfortable that they will have to be cast aside. Where women nsist on washing in this way experience ought surely to teach them that in purchasing flannels they ought always buy a size larger than the one worn, to allow for the shrinkage that is sure to take place. It is very important during the cold

reather that the figures be washed and bung out before the rest of the clothes, and not left until the last, as is generally the case. Make a lather of luke-warm water and some pure white soap, add to this some ammonia, in the proportion of two tablespoonfuls to a pail of water. Put the fian-nels in this and rinse up and down a great many times until the fiannel is very clean. Never use a board for washing flannels, and never rub on soap if it can be avoided, as the latter mats the wool, making it hard. Sometimes the wrists are so soiled that scap seems to be the only thing that will remove the streak, but they ought never to be rubbed on a board, although a rubbing between the hands is often allowable for this purpose. When they are thoroughly clean, let lie in the suds until the rinse wat er is made ready.

This should be of the same temperature as the wash water. When ready, squeezo the flannels as dry as possible, but never wring them; but if you do wring always do hand, and never on any account, if you care to have them soft, use a wringer. Rinse up and down until all the suds is removed, then squeeze between the hands as dry as you conveniently can, and hang out on the line. Hang shirts by the shoulders at first, and skirts by the waistband. When nearly dry reverse the positions and let remain until dry. In colored shirts it is particularly important that they be hung at first by the shoulders, to keep the color from settling there, then reversed, so they may dry equally all around.

When dry take in and with the hands

pull into shape. If they are to be ironed, always use a medium hot iron and press them on the wrong side. Many people do not approve of ironing nice flannels, claiming that t makes them hard, but instead of ironing smooth them with the hands. There is no doubt that all-wool flannels are much softer when not ironed, but they have not the smooth appearance of a pressed one, consequently it is not strange that the majority best. Do not turn the flannel immediately after ironing, but hang wrong side out until well aired, then before putting away turn the right side out, fold and pla

To prevent scarlet flannel from fading mix a half-cupful of flour with a quart of cold water, put on the fire, and let boil about a quarter of an hour. Stir this into the warm ammonia suds and mix well together. Put in the article to be washed and rinse up and down, and squeeze re peatedly until it is thoroughly clean. If it can be avoided never rub on scap, as it generally leaves a dark mark that it is almost impossible to obliterate. Remove from suds by squeezing out as much of the water as possible, and place in warm, clear rinse water. Rinse thoroughly, squeeze out and bang on the line. Salt is often used when washing colored flannels, to set the colors, but we have always found it very harden-ing to both water and flannels. Borax is preferred by many to ammonia for this work, as it is a great whitener and softener. -Boston Budget.

Good Counsel.

How true it is, as the Practical Mechanic says, thousands start well, but never finish one thing at a time. They have a dozen things on hand and no one completed. Time is wasted on unfinished work. Always finish what you begin. One thing finished is worth a hundred half done. The completion of an undertaking yields more pleasure and profit than dozens of plans. The man who is always planning or scheming is rarely, if ever, successful. He ofton furnishes ideas for others, who go persistently to work and finish what his ideas sug-"That was my idea-my plan," we frequently hear some one say, but the man who carried it out was the one who bene-fited himself and others. Do not begin what you can not finish. What you undertake to do, do, and reap the reward of your own ideas and skill. This is good advice both in and out of the shop.



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